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"What is the Truth about S-e-c-r-e-t CIA Prisons?"

The nationalist, left-leaning Hankyoreh Shinmun editorialized (12/07): ". Denying allegations of terror suspects being tortured, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice argued while traveling in Europe that transporting and confining terror suspects overseas is a 'lawful weapon.' Once again you get a taste of the U.S. logic of strength that relies on unilateralism. Washington should take serious note of the fact that even American human rights groups are vowing to file lawsuits against high-ranking CIA officials for violating universal human rights guidelines and domestic law. The U.S. double standard regarding human rights and democracy is nothing new. It is an international disgrace that such human rights infringements as illegal arrests and transportation, detention, and torture are being neglected because of the war on terror. The UN and other international organizations should take another look at the universal human rights standards they have long told developing nations to follow."

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